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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application


2. FURTHER ACTION

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2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-15	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-15	YES
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2. Citations and explanations :

Reference is made to the following documents identified in the International Search Report (ISR):

D1 : US 6539551 A (01 April 2003)

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The claimed invention relates to golf gloves, in which the root portion between and index finger portion and a thumb portion and the upper portion thereof are generally connected with each other and thicker than other portions of the golf glove to allow a golfer to grasp the grip of a golf club fixably and stably, and the index finger portion and the thumb portion are thicker than other portions to minimize a gap therebetween.

D1 discloses a golf glove having a structure to remind the wearer to hold the target wrist unflexed through the contact part of the swing. The structure provides a tactile reminder if the wrist is flexed. The structure may be a strip installed in a pocket or other holder in or on the glove. The pocket and strip may be adjusted to place an end of the strip near a pivot axis of the user's target wrist.

D2 discloses exemplary golf gloves and methods for their use. In an exemplary embodiment, a flexible golf glove is provided having a glove body having a palmar side and a dorsal side. A plurality of finger portions and a thumb portion each having a palmar side and a dorsal side are operably attached to said glove body.

The feature of the present invention, such as a golf glove in which the index finger portion and the thumb portion are thicker than other portions to minimize a gap therebetween, is not disclosed in D1 and D2. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1 to 15 is novel pursuant to PCT Article 33(2).

The subject matter of claims 1 to 15 is considered to involve an inventive step pursuant to PCT Article 33(3), since it refers to an improved product, such as a golf glove having improved fixability and compactability for a grip so that the golfer may grasp the grip of the golf club naturally and firmly without great grasping power, which is not known or even suggested in the prior art, particularly in D1 and D2.

Claims 1 to 15 also meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), because all the claims are considered to be industrially applicable.

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